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**GOV. EASLEY'S STATEMENT ON BANKRUPTCY COURT DECISION
TO RELEASE FUNDS TO PAY HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS
FOR FORMER PILLOWTEX EMPLOYEES**

"Last month, I asked Pillowtex, its creditors and the court to ensure that medical claims incurred by employees while they were working and before the bankruptcy be paid in full. The employees paid their premiums -- it's basic fairness that they get the benefits they paid for. I'm pleased that we are on the road to solving this problem. The bankruptcy court has taken the first step to get these claims paid by providing the money management needs to proceed with its plan to cover these claims. Now it is up to management to make good on the plan. The job is not done, but we are clearly moving in the right direction. "

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